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SUBJECT: TEXTILES--EXCHANGE OF NOTES

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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT NOTE TO EFFECT AGREEMENT OUT-
LINED IN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING INITIALED IN VALLETTA
ON APRIL 8, 1975: QUOTE

-- EXCELLENCY: I REFER TO THE COTTON TEXTILE BILATERAL
AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS SIGNED ON JUNE 14,
1967, AS AMENDED, AT VALLETTA. I ALSO REFER TO RECENT
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DISCUSSION BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS

ON TRADE IN COTTON TEXTILES.

-- AS A RESULT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES' MUTUAL REVIEW OF ARTICLE 2 OF THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN TEXTILES, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE ARRANGEMENT) I WISH TO PROPOSE THAT THE EXPIRED AGREEMENT REFERRED TO ABOVE NOT BE RENEWED.

-- SHOULD COTTON TEXTILE OR COTTON TEXTILE PRODUCT EXPORTS

FROM MALTA TO THE UNITED STATES DEVELOP IN A MANNER WHICH, IN THE UNITED STATES, CAUSES PROBLEMS OF MARKET DISRUPTION AS DEFINED IN ANNEX A OF THE ARRANGMENT, THE UNITED STATES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH MALTA. HOWEVER, IN NO CASE WOULD THE UNITED STATES REQUEST SUCH CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE LEVELS OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH EXPIRED ON MARCH 31, 1975, ARE ACHIEVED. I FURTHER PROPOSE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA AGREE TO RESPOND TO SUCH REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH A VIEW TO REACHING AN EARLY AGREEMENT REGARDING COTTON TEXTILE OR COTTON TEXTILE PRODUCT EXPORTS ON MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY TERMS. SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD WITHIN 60 DAYS OF SUCH A REQUEST UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED OTHERWISE.

-- IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF MALTA SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, EFFECTIVE THE DATE OF YOUR NOTE IN REPLY.

-- ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PASS TEXT OF DRAFT TO APPROPRIATE GOM OFFICIALS AND SEEK THEIR COMMENTS; AND CONCURRENCE. ADVISE WHEN CONCURRENCE OBTAINED, AND WE WILL FORWARD AUTHORIZATION TO EXCHANGE NOTES. KISSINGER

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